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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN SUPPLEMENTAL - CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

- 1. FOLLOWING IS EDITED TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED TODAY BY CHAIRMAN MORGAN:
- 2. FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE NEW SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS, CHAIRED BY LEE H. HAMILTON WAS ASKED TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO INDOCHINA. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS CARRIED OUT SOME WORK ON THIS MATTER AND HAS SCHEDULED INITIAL HEARINGS FOR TOMORROW MORNING (MARCH 6).
- 3. "THIS MORNING (MARCH 5) I CONFERRED WITH MR. HAMILTON AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA. WE AGREED THAT MR. HAMILTON'S SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH ALREADY HAS SCHEDULED SOME MEETINGS WITH STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WITNESSES AND INTENDS TO MEET WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP WHICH RETURNED THIS WEEK FROM INDOCHINA, WILL FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMBODIAN ASSISTANCE AND REPORT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOM-

MENDATION TO THE FULL COMMITTEE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. "I AM CALLING A MEETING OF THE FULL COMMITTEE FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING (MARCH 12) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE. I AM ALSO ALERTING THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED SO THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH WITNESSES MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME." INGERSOLL

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